

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BAGGA ET AL. Examiner: J. BAXTER  
Serial No.: 09/631,502 Group Art Unit: 3731  
Filed: AUGUST 3, 2000 Docket: 6683.44US01  
Confirmation No.: 9162  
Due Date: MARCH 28, 2004  
Title: DISTRACTING AND CURETTING INSTRUMENT

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Sir:

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Request For Continued Examination and fee of \$770.00
- ☒ Amendment and Response

The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Amended" table

- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and fee of \$110.00
- ☒ Submission of Formal Drawings, 2 Sheets of Formal Drawings
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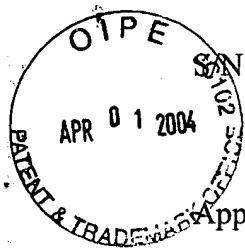
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims								
22	-	21	=	1	x	18.00	=	\$18.00
Independent Claims								
5	-	4	=	1	x	86.00	=	\$86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE								\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								\$104.00

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are 2 sheet(s) of Formal Drawings for completion of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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